



J.L. Ilsley High School

"Home of the Judges"

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School Advisory Council Meeting Monday November 2, 2020

Members Present: Cathryn Kelly, Crystal Lowe-Pearce, Vanessa Mignault, Craig Campbell, Dana Holmes, Rhonda Johnson, Andrea Hilson, Sherri Duke, Robin Jensen, and Victoria Best.

Principal's Report

- The admin team has had some meeting over the month regarding the new school construction and the planned move from the old site. In March 2021 we will be losing access to the current gym, some fine arts spaces, part of the library and the exit near the gym. The construction company will begin demolishing that part of the building. A new space for Physically Active Lifestyles and Art will be assigned for semester 2. As well, a temporary emergency exit will be constructed for emergency exits.
- Principal is still waiting on direction by HRCE for a plan around Parent-Teacher interviews. Report cards will go out the final week of November.
- We will receive our SAC grant this year again for \$ 5,706. We will have to talk about a plan to make decisions around the grants spending.
- I was in contact with NS Health authority on the return of our Youth Health Center Coordinator. There is no finalized plan and they are waiting on COVID-19 numbers in the province to determine a return date.
- Our Technology Advantage Program, teacher lead Tom McCutcheon has moved to a new position with the HRCE. We have a new lead TAP teacher, Jason Carmichael, who is working out of both J. L. Ilsley and Cole Harbour District High Schools.
- In athletics we have teams up and competing in the Metro High School Athletic Association. We have 3 volleyball teams (boys-girls- girls Jr. varsity), boys and girls hockey, while boys and girls basketball are in the process of beginning their seasons soon.

- Chrome Books were purchased for the school, and we are identifying students/families who are in need of technology and providing them with the Chrome Books.
- Cafeteria services are still not operational. We are still waiting on a planned date to return.
- The pathway on Drysdale to J.L. Ilsley is still closed for approximately another 2 weeks.
- Prom 2021 is being discussed, and we are still waiting on guidance from HRCE and Public Health, but we do have a venue reserved if it is allowed to proceed. The current venue is the Westin Nova Scotia.
- Due to COVID 19 guidelines prohibiting bringing large groups together, the 2020 J.L. Ilsley Remembrance Day ceremony will look different this year. The Student Council will be doing an outdoor, socially distanced ceremony, as well there are numerous online resources dedicated to 2020 Remembrance Day. The library will be showing online events at lunch during the 9th and 10th of November.

New School Update

- We have met with Marco Construction to develop a plan and timeline for moving items out of the library. The carpenters from HRCE will come to safely remove the Historical Spryfield mural from the library.
- Marco staff have replaced temporary fencing to prevent students from accessing the rear of the building near the construction site.
- JL Ilsley custodial staff have cleaned out a storage space in room 329 to accommodate the moving of the art classroom in room 214. HRCE staff have supplied teachers with boxes to begin packing and weeding out materials.
- It is hoped that the storage containers will arrive soon for the football team and the skilled trades program. In addition, we will begin inventory of the gym to determine what we will take to the new school.
- The principal of Bedford Forsyth Education Center (BFEC) did a tour of JL Ilsley to select furniture for their new space. We also supplied BFEC with some excess furniture which freed up more storage space for our art supplies.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10pm